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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION REPORT NO. 131

- BEGIN SUMMARY: PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER JUNEJO'S VISIT TO THE U.S. CONTINUES TO BE A MAJOR STORY IN THE INDIAN PRESS, WITH FOCUS ON PRESIDENT REAGAN'S WHITE HOUSE BANQUET REMARKS. "THE HINDUSTAN TIMES" WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT BHARAT KARNAD COMMENTED ON SOVIET "PRESSURE" ON PAKISTAN. ANOTHER WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT, J.N. PARIMOO OF "THE TIMES OF INDIA" REPORTED THAT THE GOI, CONCERNED OVER THE "EXTRAORDINARY DELAY" OVER THE SUPPLY OF A U.S. SUPERCOMPUTER, HAS CONVEYED ITS "SENSE OF DISAPPOINTMENT" TO THE WHITE HOUSE. END SUMMARY.

JUNEJO'S U.S. VISIT

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- MAJOR NEWSPAPERS PUBLISHED REPORTS ON PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER JUNEJO'S VISIT TO THE U.S. UNDER SUCH HEADLINES AS "REAGAN VOWS TO DEFEND PAKISTAN: TECHNOLOGY ACCORD SIGNED" ("INDIAN EXPRESS"); "U.S. VOWS TO DEFEND PAKISTAN SOVEREIGNTY" ("THE TIMES OF INDIA"); AND "PAK, U.S. SIGN ACCORD ON ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY" (PRO-MOSCOW "PATRIOT").

- --NEWS REPORTS FOCUSED ON: (1) PRESIDENT REAGAN'S

WHITE HOUSE BANQUET REMARKS VOWING TO STAND BY IN DEFENSE OF PAKISTAN'S SOVEREIGNTY IN THE FACE OF "INCREASING SOVIET PRESSURES," AND: (2) AN AGREEMENT ALLOWING ISLAMABAD TO BUY ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY THAT U.S. OFFICIALS SAID CONTAINED "TIGHT GUARANTEES REGARDING ITS USE IN PAKISTAN'S CONTROVERSIAL NUCLEAR PROGRAM.

- THE OFFICIALS, REPORTS ADDED, WOULD NOT GIVE ANY DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT, BUT THEY SAID IT WAS SIMILAR

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TO THE ONE SIGNED WITH INDIA.

- -- THE HINDUSTAN TIMES CARRIED BHARAT KARNAD'S WASHINGTON REPORT THAT JUNEJO'S STRATEGY TO LINK PAKISTAN'S BOMB WITH SOVIET PRESSURE TACTICS OVER AFGHANISTAN IS UNLIKELY TO WORK BECAUSE THE USG "SEEMS INTENT ON DISTINGUISHING THE TWO ISSUES."

- "THIS EXPLAINS," HE WROTE, "THE BLUNTEST POSSIBLE LANGUAGE THAT SUPPOSEDLY WAS USED BY PRESIDENT REAGAN IN TELLING JUNEJO THAT PAKISTAN FACED A CERTAIN STOPPAGE OF ALL U.S. AID IF IT PROCEEDED WITH ITS NUCLEAR WEAPONS PROGRAM." (FULL TEXT SENT VIA STATE CHANNELS.)

- U.S. SUPERCOMPUTER FOR INDIA

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- "THE TIMES OF INDIA CARRIED J.N. PARIMOO'S WASHINGTON REPORT, "U.S. BUREAUCRACY SITS OVER SUPERCOMPUTER," SAYING THE GOI, CONCERNED OVER THE "EXTRAORDINARY DELAY" OVER THE SUPPLY OF A U.S. SUPERCOMPUTER, HAS CONVEYED ITS "SENSE OF DISAPPOINTMENT" TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

- PARIMOO ADDED: "THOUGH THE WHITE HOUSE HAS ONCE AGAIN GOADED THE BUREAUCRACY TO MOVE FASTER, THE HOSTILITY TO INDIA IN CERTAIN QUARTERS OF THE U.S. BUREAUCRACY IS SO DEEP-SEATED THAT DESPITE THE INTEREST

SHOWN BY THE HIGHEST-LEVEL OFFICIALS OF THE REAGAN ADMINISTRATION, THE ACTUAL SALE OF A SUPERCOMPUTER MAY STILL BE MONTHS AWAY. THE AMERICANS HAVE YET TO PROPOSE TO INDIA A SET OF SAFEGUARDS. THERE COULD BE DISAGREEMENT OF THESE SAFEGUARDS AND TIME-CONSUMING NEGOTIATIONS COULD FOLLOW THAT DISAGREEMENT."

- ON U.S.-JAPAN CONSULTATIONS ON A POSSIBLE REGIME OF SAFEGUARDS, PARIMOO SAID THE JAPANESE DO NOT THINK THAT THE TYPE OF SAFEGUARDS THAT THE AMERICANS ARE SUGGESTING ARE REALLY NECESSARY."

- "THERE ARE SO MANY SUPERCOMPUTERS," PARIMOO CONCLUDED, "IN GERMANY, FRANCE AND OTHER WEST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TODAY THAT IF THE SOVIETS WANT TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THEM THEY CAN KNOW IT EASILY. WHY THIS FUSS, THEREFORE, ABOUT THE SALE TO INDIA?" MCGINLEY

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